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**Subject:** U.S. Application of: OSMAN  
Our Reference: 4077-2

Dear Dr. Osman:

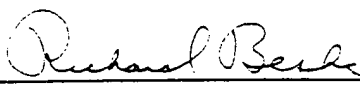
We have your letter of November 22, 2001 and the indicated corrections.

We enclose two copies of the application as revised, together with the formal Declaration. The Declaration should be signed and dated by you and returned to us, together with one copy of the complete application, including specification, drawings and claims. It is important that the copy of the application be attached to the Declaration and returned to us, as that is the copy of the application which will actually be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

If there are no further revisions, please forward the executed copy to us as soon as possible so that it may be placed on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

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